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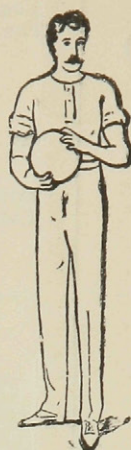
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Editorial.

THE appeal from the Athletic Association which appears in this week's issue of the OUTLOOK is certainly a most important one, and demands the careful consideration, not only of every student, but of every College authority who is interested in the administration of the finances of this important Association. Those who were at the University last year will remember that a similar petition was circulated in order that the opinion of the students might be expressed to the College authorities. This petition was thrown out by the Governors of the University on the ground, we are told, that it was signed mainly by the students of the senior years. The reason for this, presumably, was that the students of these years would soon be leaving the University and it was not right that any innovation should be made

on a representation of their opinion. But, if such were the case, are we not justified in asking the question: is it right that the students who are only here for a few years should be asked to pay for some of the permanent improvements that are made on the grounds of the University? While we all take pride in the neat and well-kept appearance of our College grounds, does it seem fair that, while the liberal friends of "Old McGill" are adorning her with splendid buildings, the grounds, by no means the least attractive part, should be kept, in part at least, by the fees of the students? If some other source could be found for the money spent in this direction, the financial condition of our Athletic Clubs might not be in such a deplorable state as it is at the present time.

We hear some complaining that our Hockey

team is not keeping up the record of McGill in this line. A similar complaint is often urged against the various institutions carried on by some of the students without remuneration. Such complaints may be justified, but there is certainly little encouragement to students when they are expected both to give their time and to pay their own expenses.

These matters are much more seriously discussed by many of the students than perhaps some of our College authorities are aware. We look, however, for some improvement to be made in this connection; in the meanwhile, let every student do his duty by signing the petition which will be presented to him in the near future.

It is a deplorable fact and a crying shame that this great University of McGill is at the present moment, as far as we know, without any successful and capable musical organization which might be dignified by the name of a Glee and Banjo Club. We have an idea that a Club was started early in the autumn, and after several practices under an apparently capable leader essayed a rather difficult and not altogether appropriate piece of music which did not come up to the standard set in former years. The leader, although an accomplished musician, was probably not suited to conducting a College Glee Club.

Since that time no further word or note has emanated from the musical depths of this organization, and the Muse of Old McGill seems tuneless and "out o' kilter."

Now to enquire into the matter more closely, the first question presenting itself to the editorial mind is, why this should be so? Is it because the material for a strong and capable Glee and Banjo Club is not attainable or that the Club is not managed in an altogether enthusiastic manner?

We venture to state it is the latter, but it is

to be hoped no ill-feeling will be occasioned thereby. Conscientiously, we must say something, for to our mind there is hardly anything more enjoyable and profitable in College life than being a member of a successful College Glee or Banjo Club. Amongst the list of the officers for the present year are noticed a number of prominent names, but, we ask in all fairness, would not an outsider or, say, a Freshman wishing to join the Club, be struck and possibly repulsed by the fact that there was a marked predominance of the Science Faculty in the list? Of course, this is a mere casualty but nevertheless true. The stranger would naturally conclude it to be a Faculty Club and not a University organization.

We would like to see a fair division of the spoils of office in the first place, and the best men in the responsible positions in the second. The membership should not exceed 30 men, and the numerous trips made should either allow every man to have one, or the system of competition as employed in American College should be instituted, and only the best men sent away. Men should be canvassed personally not once but again and again if it is found they are worth the trouble. Then to insure confidence, monthly concerts might be given, if possible, within the University.

It must be remembered that there is a debt of some \$400 still hanging over the Club, which was reduced to its present size from a really enormous figure, only by means of strenuous efforts on the part of last year's Executive, and for which it deserves great credit.

Doubtless it is too late this year for any steps to be taken in recruiting the Glee and Banjo Club, so we can only hope that these humble remarks will reach the eyes and enter the brains of intelligent individuals who, we trust, will form the management of next year's Club. If this be so, the editorial mind will not have relieved itself of a few gentle remarks in vain.

NOTICES.

McGILL Y.M.C.A.

Next Saturday evening the social at the Y.M.C.A. will be of a particularly interesting nature. All students, whether members of the Association or not, are cordially invited to be present.

The Annual ARTS' DRIVE to Lachine will be held on Wednesday evening, Feb. 1st. Sleighs leave the College gates at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

THE ANNUAL INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE between 'Varsity and McGill will be held on Friday, Jan. 27, at 8 p.m., in the Molson Hall. The subject for debate is: Resolved, that the adoption of a system of arbitration among the civilized nations is practicable, and is the best guarantee of peace.

Contributions.

REMINISCENCES OF STUDENT LIFE AND PRACTICE.

The eloquent appeal addressed by the Editorial Board to the OUTLOOK'S subscribers prompted the following attempt to introduce to the reader a volume, largely autobiographical, published for the benefit of the Sherbrooke Protestant Hospital from articles contributed by the late Dr. Worthington, of Sherbrooke, to the *Detroit Medical Age*. The volume possesses all that dash of youth which fascinates the average man, and is concerned chiefly with the medical side of student life in Quebec and Edinburgh fifty years ago. The interest aroused among the membership of the Undergraduates' Medical Society at the last annual lecture, by a few personal anecdotes of a kindred nature from the Professor of Anatomy, leads to the hope that curiosity may lead not a few to open for themselves Dr. Worthington's short volume, "Reminiscences of Early Student Life and Practice."

First of the man, then of the book. We are told in a biographical notice, published by the *Detroit Medical Age*, that Dr. Worthington was born in Queens county, Ireland, in 1820, was indentured for seven years to Dr. James

Douglas, of Quebec in 1834, studied at Edinburgh in 1842. He took his M.D. at St. Andrew's, became licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons and of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons at Glasgow. On his return to Canada, Dr. Worthington began practice at Sherbrooke. McGill granted him an *ad eundem* C.M., M.D. in 1865. It is also interesting to know that Dr. Worthington was the first surgeon in Canada to perform a capital operation under an anæsthetic, the first to use ether and chloroform. It was only in February of 1895 that Dr. Worthington died at Sherbrooke, the scene of his activity.

In Eastern Canada cities of Montreal and Quebec were the only centres of population fifty years ago. At that time medical faculties were but in a nascent state; Quebec city indeed afforded none. Active practitioners, however, often took students into their own families for a consideration, and gave them a specified amount of instruction at leisure intervals and allowed them to dissect the chance cadavers which their own ingenuity might provide. The absence of a proper medical act made practical anatomy virtually an illegal science, yet students were required to prepare themselves for an

examination in anatomy which had to be passed before the law validated their licenses.

Looking at the first article in the light of the above primitive science, we are hardly surprised to find a true and authentic ghost story connected with the custom of "learning medicine at home." One ghost at least is intimately connected with the (evidently) surreptitious practice of the tobacco habit as the following proves:—

"Smoking was a luxury to be indulged in cautiously in that house. One Sunday evening, knowing to a certainty that I was alone in the house, I went down to the kitchen for a light. A man sat on a chair in front of the coal stove, his feet on its hearth, his elbows on his knees and his face on his open palms. I had firmly believed the man servant to be out, but there sat some one. I passed behind him, and coming to his left side stooped down to open the stove door. He did not move. Not one foot. So I said, in my blandest tones, looking up at the same time: 'Will you have the goodness to move your foot? I want to open the door.' If I had had my hat on I would have taken it off; I was so awfully civil. No, he never moved. I repeated my request without result. So, losing patience, I pushed the door open forcibly. It opened back to its hinges, but the feet never moved. The stove door went 'right straight through' them!

"This was the first ghost—I may as well call it by that name as by any other—I had ever seen. I had not been eating cheese, and I had not, then, ever tasted beer. I firmly believe to this day that I saw what I have described, and as I have described it, 'and further deponent saith not.'

"If tobacco had never been discovered, or if parlor matches had been introduced, and I had not been obliged to go to the kitchen for a light, would that 'poor ghost' have been there?"

The next ghost incident leads to the discovery of a long-forgotten stairway and passage leading from kitchen to dissecting room, in which connection we are given a glimpse of practical anatomy in the good old days.

The second article, "Medical Student Life" fifty years ago in Quebec we see Dr. Jas. Douglas at the operating table.

"Dr. James Douglas was the most brilliant operator I ever saw—and I have seen some good men in my time, here and in the old country. It was not only that he did his work quickly, but he did it well, and his operations were simply splendid. I remember a poor fellow in the Marine and Emigrant Hospital at Quebec, who from frost bite was obliged to have

both legs removed just above the knee. It was decided to have the double event come off at the same time—Two legs—two operators—with the object of saving the patient as much as possible. From the instant the point of the knife entered, until the leg was on the floor, was one minute and forty-two seconds in Douglas' case. The vessels were tied and the wounds dressed inside of three minutes. The other amputation was not quite finished in half an hour, when some of us had to leave! The case did well. No anæsthetic was known in those days. It was sheer pluck on the side of both patient and doctor."

On one occasion the approach of the Medical Board examination found the English students in need of a head, the French of a thorax. A subject was at hand in the vault of the Hotel Dieu Hospital. Worthington and a chum volunteered to secure the necessary head for a comrade, to which they succeeded in accomplishing before nine o'clock after running the fire of a watchman. Later in the night the French students attempted to secure their needed material, and in the following manner:—

"About two o'clock in the morning a dozen young gentlemen marched in line down St. Johns street, passed the cemetery and into Palace street, singing, making the detour two or three times; then, leaving three of their number outside as a *corps d'observation*, they boldly entered the grocer-man's yard, passed over the low wall into the cemetery, and took possession of the vault *en masse*. It was a lovely April night, and the 'stars above were brightly shining' at the moment—'they had nothing else to do.' They—I don't mean the stars—had been having a good time in one or more of the 'salons' in the Faubourgs, and were glad of a chance to sit down, so down they sat—on the coffins! there was nothing else to sit upon—not even an arm-chair or an old sofa. They then lighted up and had a jolly good smoke, followed by a festive 'chanson' with chorus, in the middle of which a persuasive voice from above echoed into the tomb below, as the trap-door was raised: *Montez messieurs*—'Come up, gentilmans,'—and they came up! It was a rude interruption to the hilarity of the meeting, but night-watchmen are not famed for a fine sense of feeling.

"As they came up out of the vault they were handcuffed, two by two—Noah's animals entered the ark in the same order, except that they were not handcuffed—and marched through the grocer-man's yard into the street, feeling very much as Adam and Eve did when they were 'served with an eviction' from Paradise. Then

the *corps d'observation* put in an appearance, and one of them—a big overgrown baby, with a high-sounding patronymic—the son of an honorable legislative councillor, said to the officer in charge: 'What do you mean sare? These are my friends! Liberate them instantly, or I—I—will tell my father.' To which the chief replied: 'Here, Tom, put the bracelets on him.' Handcuffed he was in a moment, and marched off with the others to the police office in the Jesuits' Barracks. Next morning at ten they were escorted in state to the court house and tried.

"When we were seen to leave—apparently empty-handed—it was thought we would return later; accordingly policemen were placed as a watch in the dry-goods man's upper room and in the grocer-man's shed. After a weary waiting the second army of students were seen to enter; so, giving them time—as they thought—to begin operations, the policemen marched to the door of the vault and ordered them up, one at a time. Strange to say, they had not disturbed anything, and were discharged with a reprimand. During the day I called in one of the party, and taking him upstairs said, 'Did you ever see that face before?' He was astounded. 'When did you get that?' 'Oh, we went at eight in the evening—you went at two in the morning.'"

Turning from Quebec we may follow the young Irish-Canadian to the shrine of Scotch learning. Here we are plunged into a three days' snow-ball riot twixt town and gown; we also get a glimpse of the Edinburgh tenor, Burke, and his *modus operandi*.

The impression made on Edinburgh society by the sight of a snow-shoe suit, *capuchon*, *ceinture flichée* prevokes a hearty laugh in this chapter on Student Life in Edinburgh fifty years ago. It is really difficult to select a typical passage. Perhaps the description of the third day of the snow-ball riot [A.D. '43] may suffice.

"The third day told the same old story. The Senatus had called upon the authorities to put down the riot. They represented that this could be done by preventing crowds from assembling and loitering in front of the University, as a perpetual challenge, and that this crowd had no legitimate business there; that on the other hand this was the place where the students did daily and lawfully assemble; that if in going to the College, as his daily custom was, the students was liable to be beaten, and, when he got there to be insulted, it was only natural that he should retaliate; that to expect him, as soon as he reached the College gates to walk in—like a little lamb—and leave his friends

outside to take care of themselves, was to expect too much. The Lord Provost promised to 'attend to it,' but he was rather slow—proverbially slow. About the middle of the day, as nothing appeared to be done, or doing, and as this merry war was getting monotonous, the students formed in solid column across the street, and cleared everything before them down to the High street just in time to hear the Lord Provost—surrounded by his baillies, all in full feather—reading the Riot Act, while a strong force of Highlanders was in readiness, with fixed bayonets, waiting for the order to 'charge.' The reading of the Riot Act was just completed as the students came down, the crowd flying before them. The order to 'charge' was given, and down came the soldiers. But O'Brien was equal to the emergency. Taking off his cap, and turning to his legions, he shouted, 'Open out your ranks!' and 'Take your time from me!' The rush of the Highlanders was too impetuous to be stopped in an instant; the students opened out, and the soldiers charged down the middle of the street, O'Brien giving the word 'Three cheers for the Queen!' The effect was like magic; even the soldiers could not refrain from a smile, contrary as it was to discipline. Even the enemy cheered, the whole thing was so unexpected. The war was over! and it remained an open question, who deserved the laurel crown—the Lord Provost or O'Brien! That night the officers of the Highland regiment, in a festive moment, declared O'Brien to be 'a jolly good fellow.'"

In the light of Dr. Albutt's recent lecture the following anecdote has certainly its interest:

"The relations between the Edinburgh student, the lecturers in the schools, and the medical staff of the Royal Infirmary, were almost of the most friendly character; the teaching was not confined to the lecture room, but was carried into social life.

"Imagine one of the great men meeting a student in the street, taking him by the arm, inquiring into his views on certain theories, or on cases of hospital practice, and all so kindly, as if seeking instructions himself; giving his views modestly and drawing the other out. It made the youngster think something of himself. One man, remarkable for this courtesy, was Christison. When a student he had been 'plucked' on medical jurisprudence; and, as he wandered about the gates, broken-hearted, one of the examiners coming out took him by the arm, saying: 'Come, Robert, come along and have dinner with me.' 'No, I won't; I'm going to read my Jurisprudence.' The Professor repeated 'Robert' so reproachfully that the lad burst

into tears, apologized, and went to dinner. He did read up his subject—so effectually that he became Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University, and the greatest authority of his day on poisons! Sir Robert Christison! and he always spoke of that kind sympathy of his teacher as what had saved him."

Returning at a bound to rural Eastern Canada, we are shown something of the make-shifts and privations incident to the settlement of the districts in the vicinity of Sherbrooke. These are anecdotes of early practice. But let us hasten on; let us see in the concluding pages of the all too short volume the effect of age and experience. Really the *londator temporis acti* comes out to perfection in his account of the former universal practice of blood-letting.

"As a rule, no one considered it necessary to consult us as to the propriety of a bleeding. A man walked in as a man would now walk into a barber shop to be shaved, saying as he did so: 'I want to be bled, please.' Bandages and basins were always at hand; and, when a good quart crockery bowl was nearly full, if the operator showed signs of stopping the flow, very commonly the man would say: 'Oh, don't be afraid; let it run, sir. I haven't been bled for a good while.' When satisfied, the arm was banded, the fee paid, and the man departed as light-hearted as a lark!

"Skippers and sea-faring men generally were the ones who were more frequently bled in the spring and fall of the year—the first to enable them to withstand the summer's heat, and the latter the winter's cold. In the winter—unless in special inflammations—our occupations, like that of Othello, was gone, but in the spring-time our victims would average three or four every day. Such big, brawny arms as the men in those days had; the veins standing out full and tense, inviting an opening! Now they look as though they were crying out for more blood. Why? Is the race degenerating? The old fellows used to declare seriously that the more frequently they were bled the stouter and stronger they grew. Perhaps we may return to the old ways yet."

Now that all traditions concerning the limit to a contribution's length have been broken, listen to the use and abuse of the clinical thermometer and then trudge off and buy the volume for yourself, for be quite sure that the above stories are but typical of the narrative and do not make up its bulk!

THE ARTS CONVERSAZIONE.

The Conversazione given by the Students of the Faculty of Arts is now a thing of the past, but its recollections will, to most people, be a joy forever. It was certainly the most enjoyable function that ever graced the dear old Molson hall, whose capacity was taxed to the uttermost. The Reception and Supper rooms had been prettily decorated by a painstaking and hard-working Committee of Arts men and Donaldas, and the old place certainly did credit to their labours. The British, American and French flags hung together in peaceful proximity.

Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Moyse, Mrs. Penhallow and Mrs. Colby received the guests. The cloak-rooms were in the Main Arts building, where the guests entered. The Molson hall was the scene of the dancing. It was tastefully decorated in red and white, with British and American flags draped on the walls. Banners of every Year of each Faculty and the banners of many Societies, such as the Mining Society, The Glee Club, Applied Science Society and Y. M. C. A., were hung at intervals around the walls, thus making the men of other Faculties feel that they were full brothers of their hosts. Beautiful foliage was arranged on the platform, from which the Quivron orchestra supplied the dancers with most excellent music. The old library was turned into a supper-room, well provided with seats and decorated with green, and here again the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes hung side by side on the walls. College pictures also hung around the room in great profusion. The sitting-out room downstairs was decorated in green, and tastefully furnished with easy chairs, piano and other things. The first part of the evening was taken up by promenades, after which dancing took up the time completely, refreshments being served during the whole evening.

The evening was in every way a success, and reflects great credit on the Arts Faculty and on the Committee of Management, which was composed as follows: President, Mr. Frank L. Patch, '99; Secretary Mr. Wainwright, '99; Treasurer, Mr. A. Cohen, '00; Messrs. R. F. McClung, '99; R. Hardisty, '99; F. L. Horsfall, '00; Forbes, '00; Lochead, '01; Boulter, '01; Scrimger, '01; Brown, '02; Carlyle, '02; Wotherspoon, '02, and the lady students of the Donaldas department.

The thanks of the Committee are extended to Messrs. Willis & Co., for the loan of the beautiful Bell Piano, and also to Messrs. Hicks & Co. for the loan of curtains and rugs, and to all who helped to make the evening a success.

Correspondence.

OUR ATHLETIC CLUBS.

To the Editors:—

It seems too bad that the finances of our Athletic Clubs are in such a deplorable state, but it is nevertheless true. Our Athletic Association is in debt; our Football Club, which last season did noble work, against heavy odds, for the honour of Old McGill, has a deficit of over one hundred dollars; our Cricket Club is continually asking for more money; our Tennis courts, owing to a lack of funds, were closed early in the season; our Hockey Club is in need of funds; and the Managing Committee of our Skating Rink finds it difficult to keep the Rink in proper condition and present a clean sheet at the end of the season. This is indeed a sorry state of affairs in a University like McGill, and it is time that something was done by the students. Not many weeks ago the Students of Michigan University raised two thousand dollars for Athletics. Can not something be done by McGill students for the same purpose? The cry for more funds may be considered rather ancient by some of the students, but it is as urgent at the present time as it is ancient. Our Football Club to meet with better success than it experienced last season must have more money; last October Queen's University sent two representatives to our Annual Sports, and it is only just and right that we return the compliment next year; and if, as is probable, Intercollegiate Sports are to be inaugurated next season, where is the money to pay the expenses of our representatives to those Sports to come from? Surely our representatives will not be

expected to pay their own expenses! We have doubtless little to hope for from the College authorities, the Grounds' Committee, and the regular funds, for every student knows, or should know, that the regular Athletic fund is scarcely sufficient for ordinary expenses. The only thing that commends itself is to increase the fee for Athletics from two to three dollars, and a petition to the College authorities, praying that this be done, is now being circulated among the students of the various Faculties. An earnest appeal is made to the students to append their names, and we trust that every student who has the welfare of the University at heart will do so, and thus help on the Clubs. Athletics are essential in every University, and every student should try and make them a success. Our Athletic Clubs are, without doubt, the most important of our College organizations, and the College spirit, the comradeship and good fellowship they foster are among the best things in College life. But to keep on a firm basis, and meet with better success, they must have, and certainly deserve, the hearty support of all the students. Whether they receive that support from the students of McGill we do not wish to say, as we are not complaining, but simply stating facts as they are. All of us may perhaps not be athletes, but all can at least do something to help the Clubs out of the rut of financial difficulty in which they are at present. Let every student therefore sign his name to the petition, and thus do what he can to help along the Clubs and make them organizations worthy of "Old McGill."

C. J. M.

Societies.

McGILL Y. M. C. A.

Last Sunday afternoon Mr. H. M. Tory gave the second of his series of talks on the "Ideals of Christianity as worked out in History," the subject being the "Christian Ideal of Man." The address was a most able and helpful one, and was appreciated by those who had the privilege of listening to it. The Association again extends a most cordial invitation to all students to take advantage of this series of talks, knowing that if they attend one Sunday they will need no urging to come the following ones.

DELTA SIGMA.

The first Meeting of this Society of the new year was held on Thursday, January nineteen. The hour was occupied by a spirited debate, of which the subject was "Resolved that the study of modern languages

is more beneficial than the study of natural science." Miss King '99 and Miss Rorke '00 upheld the affirmative, and Miss Reid '99 and Miss Marcuse '00 spoke on the negative side.

Miss King opened the argument with an excellent and well-thought-out address. She held that a knowledge of modern languages, especially of German, was absolutely necessary in order to keep abreast with the advance of the scientific thought of the day. Although a comparatively large proportion of modern scientific workers were of the English-speaking race, yet all of any note were familiar with at least two languages other than their own, while in the English commercial world there was urgent need for men who could speak French and German. On the other hand, if we would understand the life and feelings of peoples among whom we travel, we must know their language. The sympathies are broadened and the mental horizon

widened by entering into the intellectual life of other races, and we must know their language if we would know the thoughts of men of great mind and of great soul in other lands.

Miss Reid then spoke on the negative side of the question. She dwelt especially on the ease and comfort in every-day life which the advance of science has now made it possible to enjoy.

Science, it is true, depends on language for expression, yet, before a single articulate word was spoken, the great facts of nature were; and the great discoveries of science have been stimuli no less to literary than to scientific thought.

Miss Rorke, the second speaker of the affirmative, insisted that, since the proper study of man is man," the study of language—the means to this end—must be more beneficial than the study of Natural Science; she held that science failed of the broadening and refining influence which a study of languages exercised, because science cared only for facts, divesting them of all poetic charm. One is reminded by Miss Rorke's argument of the indignation of the old Scotch engineer in "The seven seas," when a passenger asks him, "Mister McAndrew, don't you think steam spoils romance at sea?"

Miss Marcuse thus closed the argument for the negative. She held that the studies which yield the highest mental culture are those which benefit mankind most. With the growth of science comes intellectual freedom, and great scientific discoveries have always signalled great waves of intellectual progress; language is indeed the instrument to express thought, but it is science which supplies the thought. It is to science we look for the solution of problems of vital interest such as that of heredity. Science moreover brings us into touch with nature and opens our eyes to her beauties in a way that language never could do.

Miss King then summed up the arguments on both sides, and a vote of the meeting was taken, which gave the victory to the side of modern languages.

A. M. S.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the Society for the Study of Comparative Psychology was held on January 19, Professor Wesley Mills occupying the chair.

Mr. C. Henderson read a very interesting paper on Thought, Apprehension, Instinct and Reason, and showed these qualities influenced the lower animals. The relations between a man and his dog gave the essayist the greater part of his material, which he put to excellent use. His theory was that the various qualities he had defined were to be found in the dog. After the reading of the paper, an interesting discussion ensued in which the President took part.

At the next meeting of the Society, Mr. Groves will read a paper on "Migration of birds."

VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Regular Meeting of the Society was held in the library of the Faculty of Comparative Medicine on January 18, Professor Baker occupying the chair. After roll call and the reading of minutes, Mr. McGregor was called upon to read his case report, which proved to be "Perforation of the Abdominal Wall in a Three-year-old Colt." The case had been treated very successfully, and the animal made a rapid recovery. Mr. Hammond followed with an essay on "The Diseases of Swine Plague and Hog Cholera." The essayist enumerated the various symptoms presented, the various forms of treatment which have at times been adopted, and also modes of prevention of these diseases. The *post mortem* appearances were described shewing the differences which exist between these two diseases.

The chairman, after complimenting the essayists, closed the evening's programme with a few remarks of especial value concerning the methods used to stamp out swine diseases in the United States and Canada.

MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

A splendid meeting of this Society was held on Friday night, Jan. 20, in No. III Lecture Room of the Medical building. The programme was both interesting and instructive, and was listened to attentively from beginning to end. The chair was occupied by the Vice-President, Mr. Craig, who opened the meeting sharp on time, and in an hour and a half all was over. Those present were treated to three essays, which were carefully prepared, original in treatment and instructive throughout.

Mr. W. F. Brown's paper on "Shock and its Treatment" was well received. His style was clear and forceable, and he dealt with his subject matter in a logical and interesting manner.

Mr. Carnwaith gave a paper on "The Early Diagnosis of Tubercular Joints." After a reference to the prevalence of tubercular disease in general, he emphasized the importance of an early diagnosis, and then proceeded with an admirable review of the minute points to be noted and the trained observation so necessary in its detection.

The next paper by Mr. Ryan on "The Uses and Abuses of Diuretics" showed that the author had an intimate knowledge of his subject and had given it a great deal of careful thought in the preparation. Among other things he did not fail to sound a warning note of the great danger in the use of this class of drugs in the form of patent medicines, when one or other action was contra-indicated.

The discussions on all the papers were brisk, and some neat speeches were the result. Among those who took part were: Messrs. Galbraith, Gordon, Bowles, Browning, Wood, Wilson, Law and Jones.

Class Reports.

SCIENCE.

FOURTH YEAR.

Science men were quite numerous at the Arts Conversat, and all who attended were unanimous in declaring that they had spent a very pleasant evening, the Committee in Arts are to be congratulated for having arranged so enjoyable a programme.

The Molson Hall, however, proved a wee bit too small for the number who wished to dance.

Our representative at the Conversazione arrived home bright and early, and reported a good time. Jack thought time too precious at this stage of the session to duplicate the Peterboro trip, so he came home the same day.

We are pleased to see one of our classmates on the McGill Hockey team. We should advise Herby to go into training earlier, as the steam that hangs above his person reminds one of the aqueous vapors above Niagara's gorge.

The fact that boiler trials are not what they were cracked up to be has occurred forcibly to the mind—and to the stomach—of every mechanical student in the Class. On the first trial one does not have enough to do, and on the second, although this disadvantage is partly remedied, the novelty has worn off, and it comes down to hard work. Altogether, for some at least, it must be a "dry" day. The electricals are given to dropping in quite often, but they never surprise us, as their bovine (Jersey) aroma always betrays them. The elaborately drawn up "Rules and Regulations," which stare us in the face at every turn in the shops, are conspicuous by their absence. Next week we shall tap our think tank and suggest some.

SECOND YEAR.

There was a hot game of hockey on the rink last Friday morning between the Miners and the rest of the Second Year. The game on the whole was a fair exhibition of shinny. Some of the players, notably Mr. B. McCrutchon, showed a decided inclination to sit down and rest at the side of the rink rather than play, and the game sometimes was interrupted to permit Paul or some of the other boys to chase some unfortunate who had checked him around the campus and up to the Arts building.

But these few details did not in the least mar the harmony of the game.

Mr. Geo. Burchell, better known by the euphonious cognomen of "Dewey," did more for the Miners than any other two men; and the same applies to Mr. McLaren of the other side. They were the goal umpires. Mr. Mike Mitchell was referee, and gave general satisfaction. The goal umpires were replaced towards the end of the game, owing to a little playful habit they had of sticking up their hand whenever the puck went within twenty yards of their own goal, and ignoring it altogether when the opposite side scored.

The wild rushes of Higman and Palmer attracted general attention. They were often stopped only by the end of the rink, and sometimes not even then. Wells put up a great game sitting on a snowbank at the side. The others were equally good. The final game score was 4 to 5 against Miners, but that was owing to the loss of Dewey, who did more scoring than the rest of the team put together.

The teams were:

A. P. Blue.....	Captain....	T. Schwitzer.
Galbraith.....	Goal	Brecken.
Ogilvie.....	Cover Point.....	Fleming.
Edwards	Point.....	Scott.
Blue.....	Forwards	Ward.
Wells.....	"	Wilson.
Palmer.....	"	Higman.
Patterson.....	"	T. Schwitzer.

Another game is soon to be played, probably with much the same teams.

The Year is wearing an amused smile these days. It is caused by a real fresh baby in the drawing-room who wears a nice clean bib when working. The bib is cut from a piece of an old mattress, and the child wears it around its swanlike neck. Nothing riles it more than to have its plaything removed.

We are going to buy it a rattle and a teething ring and keep it pleased and happy.

FIRST YEAR.

In the last Class Report it read that the Third Year students were the guests at Prof. Armstrong's "At Home." It should have read First Year instead of Third Year.

My mistake; your treat.

Everybody knows that, to keep a full grown moustache in trim, a good deal of time must be employed. In a previous article the zeal for study recently shown by most students of the First Year was dealt with. We suppose it is this zeal that has led one of our most prominent moustache-cultivators to clear his upper lip in order to give more time to this class work.

ARTS.

THIRD YEAR.

M.—"I came down to the Y. M. C. A. because I couldn't study."

D.—"I couldn't study because I came down to the Y. M. C. A."

AT THE CONVERSAT.

Two of the Honour Classics Class showed the effect of their three months' hard training.

What one man said after it:—
veni, vidi, vici.

FIRST YEAR.

We foresee a scene like the following in the near future in the Physics Class:—

Professor A - x.—"I will now ask you, gentlemen,

for an explanation and description of Newton's Rings. We will begin with———" And then something like the following interesting answers will be given :—

Br-w-n.—" Mrs. Newton's jewellery, sir."

El-son.—" A patent medicine for gum boils, sir."

Og-v-e.—" Church bells, sir."

Schr-g.—" Canals on Mars, sir."

C-le.—" Parts of harness, sir."

And-rws.—" Instruments for teething infants, sir."

J-ck.—" Warts, sir."

And so on *ad lib.*

Mr. Adams, of 1902, is to be congratulated on the able way in which he handled his case in the debate Friday evening.

The hockey players of the Year should attend practices in better numbers. Matches will begin at once, and our Year must prove itself in this as in other spheres invincible.

1901.

One of our most innocent members has, of late, been conducting some very interesting scientific experiments in the Redpath Library. Some one had been good enough to inform him that, if glass falls with a certain velocity on a piece of marble, it would be liable to receive permanent injury. Wishing to ascertain just how much velocity is required to produce this result, he overturned, into the sink, that extremely rare and curious specimen of cut-glass with which the men's cloak room is from time to time furnished. Although S. was only 4.8913 inches, and the initial acceleration was only a minus quantity, the resultant velocity was quite sufficient to mortally wound the tumbler. For further details, see the janitor.

COMPARATIVE MEDICINE.

Professor Baker's demonstrations at the Abbatoir were greatly appreciated by the students of the Second and First Years.

Many were the specimens which we had occasion to bring away, had it not been for the Hebrew's blood-curdling knife, which prevented us from doing much damage; no doubt, whole carcasses would have disappeared.

The grinds held by the Professors for the benefit of the Final Year men is much desired, and we trust that incalculable value may be the outcome by attending them.

Prof.—Mr.—Have you by any chance a book on "Anatomy."

Mr. — I am not quite sure that I have.

Prof.—Well just look around, and if, by chance, one can be found, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest its contents.

Mr..... ! ! ! !

LAW REPORTS.

'99 is working hard! You can tell it by looking any of its members in the eye. The offices are being deserted for the library and the study. But yet not one of them will admit it. Not making any

headway at all is the invariable response to the query: "Well, how is the work, cld man? Scotland has a bad shoulder, and, of course, can't possibly study with it, while Mac and his mate are looking anything but fresh. No one expects the Canon to go crazy through plugging, but it might happen on the night before exams. by a scare received from thinking of what the next day would bring forth. On the other hand, the Bishop manages to be incapacitated from manual labour most of the time, but it is well understood that his mental powers are vigorously using the hours, thus thrown so fortunately in his way. The gentleman from Scowan Town and the boy from the Wild West are not saying much, being otherwise engaged, yet there will not be a great deal of surprise if both loom up when the reports are handed out. The two D's are hard at it, the one to get there, and the other to get there first. J—e, is very nervous and likewise worried, but Hen—y jogs along merrily with his pipe, and is happy. Constitutional Abe has been playing truant for some time; a Whal'n might bring him back again, but the latter has disappeared on his own account; a good move might be to send Tommy after them, and then there would be three of a kind. As to V., he doesn't require to study, as he knows it all, while M—f will get there (?) with both feet.

Would it be out of order to suggest to the members of the Moot Court Committee that the first and last sitting of the said Court was both enjoyable and instructive, and that a re-hearing of the same case might be indulged in if another suitable subject cannot be invented?

Mr. Carter was elected to represent Law at the Arts' ball, but, owing to the sad loss of his brother, was unable to be there, and asked that a substitute be chosen. As there were two nominations, the ballot decided that Mr. Robertson should have that honour.

Mr. Thorneloe was elected as Law's representative to the Arts' Drive.

The Dinner Committee was chosen last week consisting of the following: Messrs. McIver, Drolet, Archibald and Holden.

MEDICINE.

GRAND BENEFIT PERFORMANCE.

Tendered the '99 Annual by Imported Talent. To be held in the McGill Gymnasium. The most Popular Family Resort. (Except the Oxford.)

I. THE FARCE.

(Begins at 10 a.m. and continues all day.)

Cast of Morning Division:—

1. Always-Erring Logie—So tough it hurts him to walk.

2. Endless-Prevaricator Peake—His "Running Mate."

3. Never-Ending Drier—who (never) digs (up).

The above shooting-stars and comics will be ably assisted by a promiscuous collection of Amazonians, Mozambique Warriors and St. Catherine Street Con-sommés.

(1) During the First Intermission all the rest of the Class will be led across the stage by Homologous Asinine Whillans. Stage room being limited, H. A. will walk on his hands. This will be the greatest "feat" of the day.

(2) The management have thoughtfully provided a number of "eye-openers" to keep the audience awake:—Erstwhile-Orderly Dyer will have charge of MacDonald's new shoes and some of Tooke's new ties, which will be unmuffled as occasion requires.

(3) The price of the Show being unusually cheap for such a fine affair, the professors will bring their wives.

(4) Holders of complimentary tickets are expected to applaud like anything when "Julie" comes out attired in one of those lovely Elkhorn collars and a sandwich sign on which will be painted, "Tickets to the Dinner, Reduced to \$2.50: Dis is Dead Cheap."

(5) Dedication Ceremonies:

Immediately before the 3rd act, the audience on leaving the gymnasium in a body will repair to the East Wing (Arts Building), where our debts will be transferred, and B. Cirrhosis Adamii, dedicated to the Class of 1900. This final stigma will be too much for 1900's understudy.

II. THE DANCE.

(1) Music will be supplied by the Glee and Banjo Clubs at their usual nominal rates.

(2) The electric lamps will be turned on full force, lest Sleepy-Always Ross think it day-time and fall asleep in the middle of the floor. He has three dances already engaged: with the Duchess of Longueuil, the Queen of Westmount, and with Wheels-in-the-ears Mag. of Hochelaga.

(3) Cut-Throat Fitzgerald will present some remarkably unique features.

(4) Galactophorus Cuzner will be present with his bottle [Mel(i)on's Infant Food].

III. SIDE SHOWS.

(1) Monster Bill and Little Bill and Refined Vaudeville, positively as produced before the late Czar of Russia, and such august personages as Emperor William, Queen Liliukalani and the King of Cooks.

(2) Dancing Don Maccaroni Lineham—The Black Phenomenon.

(3) The Lyric Tenor—M. de Laryngismus Gaseous Cameron.

(4) Callous Tectorial Bowles—Of the Folies' Bergères.

(5) Monster Aggregation of European Beauties:—Grand Ballet Parisien, Corps de Ballet: Melles. Julie, Marcotte, Babette, Carlotta, headed by the World Famous Kaleokalaumlupalakuaumu. These ladies are unrivalled as kickers, save by the "Great and Only McGill Socialist, Wandering Sanguinolent Galbraith."

(6) To conclude with the Thrilling Mellowdrama, "The Shadows of a Great College, or One Meal and a Bath at the Club."

Popular prices:

Opera Chairs, Reserved.....	35c
General Admission	25c
Window Seats	10c
Lockers.....	50c

The following will act as Ushers and make themselves generally useful under the leadership of Roman Law:—

- (1) Weaned-after-his Basiotripsy Burnett.
- (2) Lost Goose Cameron.
- (3) Embolic Gangrene Gillis.
- (4) Juniperus McCombe.
- (5) Ever-Forward Murphy.
- (6) "John's Rights" O'Brien.
- (7) Aphasic McDougall.
- (8) God Forbid Fuller.
- (9) Cant-Find-Any Gray.
- (10) Collected Adipose McKenzie.
- (11) Facultative Aerobic Brennan.
- (12) Filiaris Toxins Tooke.

N.B. (1) Students are cautioned against throwing Freshmen out of the windows or down the stairways.

(2) Students are requested not to fall from the rafters to the floor below. Many of our students have been materially injured by taking a drop too much.

(3) The Board of Managers shall be omnipotent, and it is hereby ordained that what the Board of Managers shall do no power on earth can undo.

(4) Guests are expected to change boots for pumps in the lobby.

(5) People with dirty hands will wear white gloves.

(6) Ever-Greene will remove superfluous moss in the ante-room.

(7) Those whose laundry is held *in hoc* will appear in borrowed shirts.

(8) None but fraternity men will be allowed to speak to the ladies.

(9) Guests will be allowed to gaze upon the face of the Chairman free of charge.

(10) All those animals who are not performing on the floor will please keep their seats.

(11) Chlorine gas will be turned on at 1 a.m. sharp.

The following men will be appointed on the Sub-Committees:

(1) Worried-by-his-Creditors McKechnie—Most dishonest long-faced keeper of the tin.

(2) Willie-with-a-kick Always Cumming—His Highness, Handy with his Feet.

(3) Jaded Frozen-Hearted Scott—Chief Kusser.

(4) Careless-of-his-talk Bowles—Disburser of Vile Sounds.

(5) Forever-Bereaved Jones—Internal Pacification Agent.

(6) 'Fraid-of-his-appetite Brennan—Expello Membrino.

(7) Wants-to-be-in-it Burnett—Dishonorary member.

(8) Talk-Worshipping Mills—Brüder in Facultate

(9) Pickled Cabbage Casselman—In initiato.

(10) Jee Whittakers Woodley—In initiato.

N.B.—Get your Annuals.

FOURTH YEAR.

We congratulate Mr. Gordon on being chosen valedictorian, and feel that he will do honor to his Class and the Faculty.

Amongst the most prominent individuals to be upset by the recent outbreak of *la Grippe* was "the boy Walter." The disease lodged in the nasopharynx and soft palate, causing intense follicular tonsillitis with sloughing. When the distinguished patient was seen by the eminent diagnostician, B. Jabers McC-be, his voice resembled the base notes of a German band, his breathing was both broncho and aegogenic, while his cough forcibly reminded his attending physician of the rasping, wailing and sepulchral tones of an Irish Banshee. He was put upon Donnybrook diet, Belfast Ginger Ale, Irish Whiskey, a gargle of Tipperary Moss, with a Cork Peat Stoupe t. i. d. a. c. Needless to say, the recovery was fast and furious.

The last meeting of the Moustache Society was the most brilliant in its history. Our dethroned monarch, B-wles, was re-established amidst a storm of applause that threatened the very integrity of some of the 'taches of the younger element. Bro. Gal—th referred in scathing tones to the recent attempt of some dissatisfied traitors to form an opposition fraternity known as the "Red Tie Stunning Element." The leader of this movement is P—rs; this we know because of all the vermilion neckties we ever saw his is certainly the most blushing. The worthy brother then produced his panegyric on Br—n's full-fledged siders, and, if not as oratorical as O'Connel's, he showed the optimistic enthusiasm of a Chesterfield. He finished the oration by moving that McK—y's name be burnt off the roll with a hot poker and his moustache burnt in effigy, both of which actions were done with heathenish glee by all assembled.

SECOND YEAR.

On Monday afternoon of last week, the Freshmen Year, goaded to fury by some flying "crystals of snow," which happened *by the merest chance, of course*, to alight in their midst, attempted to give vent

to their pent up feelings by a pugilistic attenuation of the Second Year. As the members of the latter year were all engaged with more sober occupations about that time—and yet knowing that it would be but a trivial matter for them to accept the challenge to mortal combat—they forthwith elected a dozen or so representatives of no mean proportions to stay the fury of the enraged Freshmen. This was done so effectually that we were able to go on quietly (?) with our lecture until, at the finish, we could go to the assistance of our gallant comrades. We found this entirely unnecessary, however, as silence supreme reigned throughout the empty halls.

One could not fail to observe some time later the look of happy contentment on the face of a down town glazier—and contrast it with the black expression on the face of the gentleman who swept the floor, keeping up as he did so a constant mumbling, "praying sideways" no doubt.

It is but right to say that the First Year, considering that they *are* Freshmen, stood their ground as bravely as was possible, when you take into account against whom they were pitted, and report has it that they were congratulated by one of their professors who dubbed them the most *original* (which speaks volumes) Freshmen class in the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

P. S. —(or P. M.)—Very few appeared in the back benches at Anatomy Lecture next morning—fewer than on any previous morning.

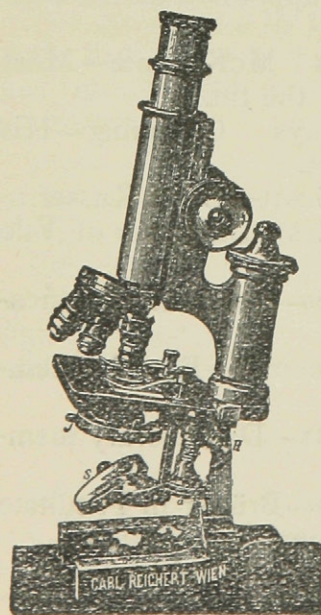
FIRST YEAR.

Again were the "young and growing organism" disturbed in their lecture room by organizing who should show a higher type of development but who certainly must be placed on a lower scale, viz., Sophomores. Next time they throw snow in through the door, they will not be let off quite so easily, although numbers of them have not recovered from the last dose given them by the Freshies.

"Friend Ames" and "our long President" shewed up as "striking personalities."

Professor.—Gentlemen, if a man answer "here" when he is not here, he is a liar.

Loud applause from Class.



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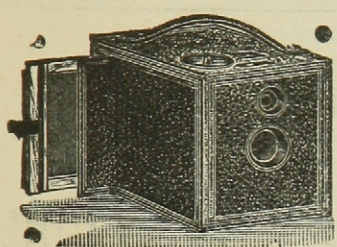
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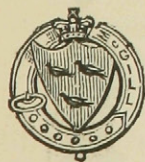
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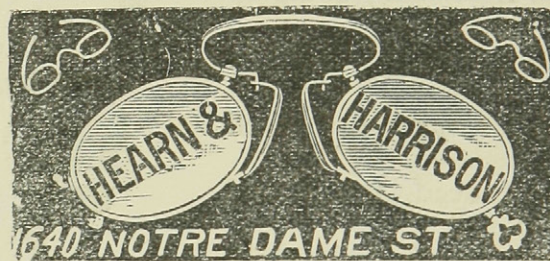
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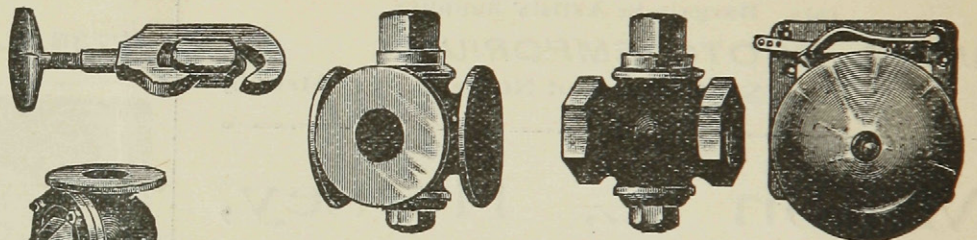
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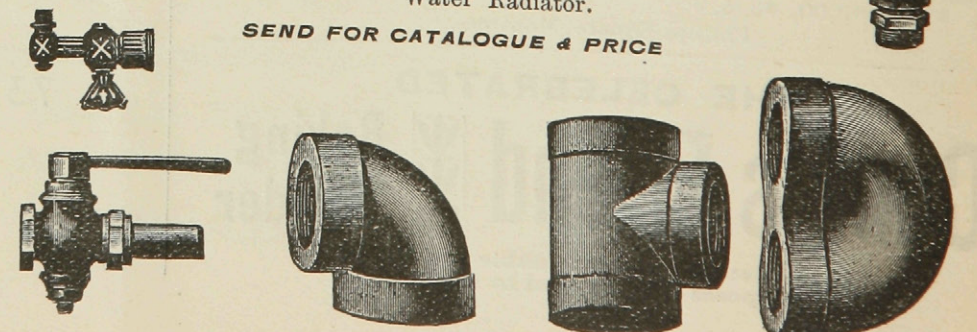
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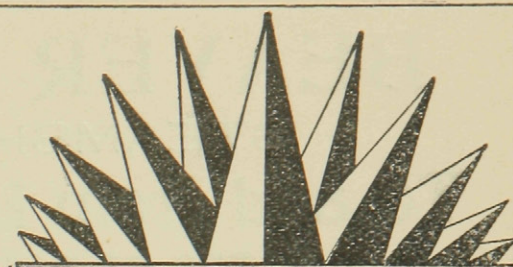
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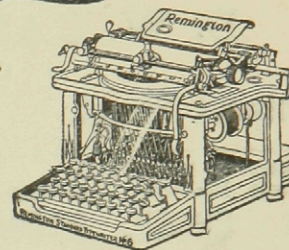
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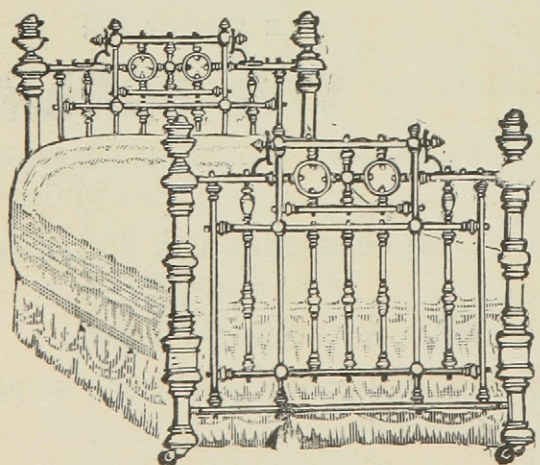
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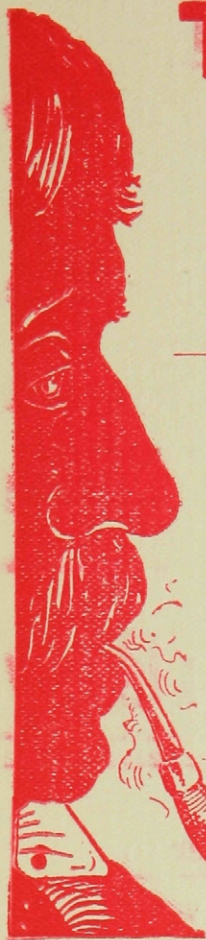
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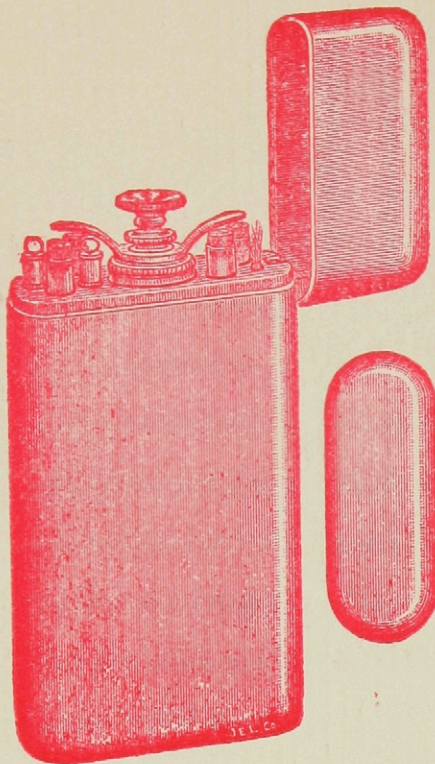
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